GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1726
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2017
Smart Stations
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement any scheme for railway station development as smart stations in the country including Ambala Cantt. in Haryana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has identified the stations to develop as smart stations;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has set any time-frame for the development of smart stations and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the estimated expenditure for the project and the details of provisions made for funding the projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARED QUESTION NO. 1726 BY SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2017 REGARDING SMART STATIONS

(a) to (c): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been entered into between Ministry of Railways (MoR) and Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) for integrated planning of railway stations in the cities included in the 'SMART Cities' and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme. This would lead to an integrated public transit hub around the railway stations and encourage Transit Oriented Development.
An MoU between Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) and National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC) has been signed on 30.06.2017. In the first phase, Ten stations viz. Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Delhi Sarai Rohilla (Delhi), Nellore (Andhra Pradesh), Madgaon (Goa), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), Gomtinagar (Uttar Pradesh), Kota (Rajasthan), Thane New (Maharashtra), Ernakulam Junction (Kerala) and Puducherry (U.T.) have been identified for redevelopment as a part of 'SMART Cities' scheme. Ambala Cantt Railway Station is not identified for redevelopment in the first phase. A study has been conducted by French Railway (SNCF) for Ambala station redevelopment and the final reports have been submitted by them. The findings of the report have been incorporated while preparing the bid documents for Ambala station redevelopment, for the 2nd phase.
(d): As station redevelopment projects are complex in nature and require detailed techno-economic feasibility studies, no time frame can be set for their completion.
(e): The cost of station redevelopment is to be met by leveraging commercial development of vacant land/air space in and around the station. Therefore, railway funds are not required for station redevelopment projects. Such projects shall generally be cost neutral to Railways.
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